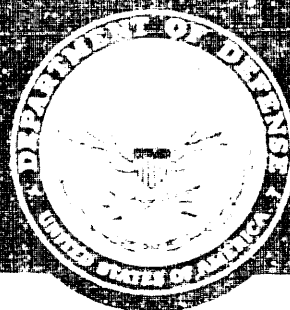


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ADDITIONAL INFORMATION CONCERNING THE INTEREST OF THE MARPOLA AT THE VENEZIA AND THE PIROE

Boarding party consisted of the following:

LTJG W. D. FURNESS, Executive Officer, USC VENEZIA, from Coronado, California

LTJG D. J. REEDER, Executive Officer, USC PIROE, from East Peterson, New Jersey

ENS. E. A. WASS, Ensign, USN, from Chicago, Illinois

ENS. P. W. CALDER, Ensign, USN, from Charlotte, North Carolina

LTJG P. P. PAPPAS, Executive Officer, USC VENEZIA, from New York, Rhode Island

The Boarding Officer (LTJG FURNESS) introduced himself, announced the purpose of his visit, and requested to examine the ship's records. The Master's aid, who was waiting for return ensignation. The Master was familiar with the Proclamation of the President of the United States announcing the quarantine of Cuba and the restriction on prohibitive items. The copy of Navy's Washington Official Warning number 14 advising of quarantine and the advisability of leaving port. Pedrogo rather than Windward Passage was clear. Upon the completion of the records examination, the Boarding Officer proceeded with an appropriate search in company with the Master, Chief Mate, and Radio Officer. During the search, the conversation was casual and was concerned primarily with the examination of the loaded crates and the inspection of one hold which was opened at the request of the Boarding Officer. The Master reported that this was the first voyage of the ship to Cuba. The ship's log, Page 10 to 100, 1, translated the ship's log, and provided a copy of the

The Master, Chief Mate, and Radio Officer, spoke fluent English.

The ship's contact between ship was flashing light with good response and paralleled by international flag code "Victor November." This means: "You should hear to. Stop at once."

The Boarding Party was not armed. This was not considered necessary, particularly since they were in company with the VENEZIA and the PIROE. The uniform of all members of the Boarding Party was white dress white.

The MARPOLA's Captain is George S. Sotomayor, Sotomayor - Greek. The word ship numbered 11-11-11, 11-11-11.